

90-Day Countdown – Phase III: Retirement of the Transition Policy for Beneficiaries 22 Years of Age and Older

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What is Happening?

Starting March 24, 2023, as part of Phase III of reinstatement, Medi-Cal Rx will initiate a series of transition policy lifts for beneficiaries 22 years of age and older. A transition lift is the retirement or phasing out of the Transition Policy for identified Standard Therapeutic Classes (STCs). The specific STCs impacted during each lift will be communicated 30 days prior to retirement.



- **Beneficiaries 21 years of age and younger are exempt from the Phase III Transition Policy retirement.**
- **Enteral nutrition products for beneficiaries of all ages are also exempt from Phase III Transition Policy retirement.**

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Know

Starting March 24, 2023, prior authorization (PA) requirements will apply to select drugs impacted by the first transition lift. For beneficiaries 22 years of age and older who were receiving a medication through the Transition Policy (due to historical paid claims data or grandfathered PAs that are expiring), the prescription will now be subject to Medi-Cal Rx PA requirements if the medication is identified for transition lift.

What Pharmacy Providers and Prescribers Need to Do

- For more information, visit the [Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach](#) page on the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) and select **Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement**.
- Review the [Medi-Cal Rx Reinstatement of Prior Authorizations and Retirement of the Transition Policy: Phases II, III, and IV](#) slide deck.
- Refer to the [Medi-Cal Rx Bulletins & News](#) and [Medi-Cal Rx Forms & Information](#) pages of the [Medi-Cal Rx Web Portal](#) for guidance to successfully submit PAs.

Contact Information

You can call the Medi-Cal Rx Customer Service Center (CSC) at 1-800-977-2273, which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.

For other questions, email Medi-Cal Rx Education & Outreach at MediCalRxEducationOutreach@magellanhealth.com.